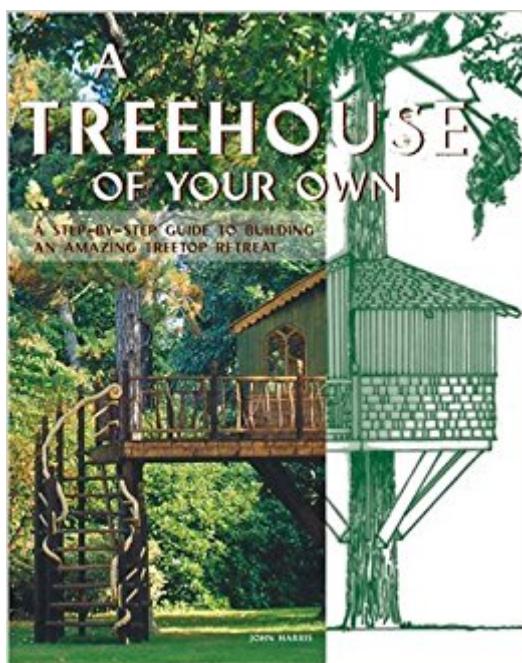


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# A Treehouse Of Your Own: A Step-by-Step Guide To Building An Amazing Treetop Retreat



## Synopsis

Here's a book for romantics; but with a practical flair! This beautifully illustrated volume guides readers through all stages of planning and constructing a treehouse. They'll find plans for several different treehouse styles, from a simple but attractive rustic shelter to an arboreal dwelling featuring modern creature comforts with electricity and cooking facilities. The author describes all needed tools, equipment, and materials, and discusses the type of tree most suitable for each of his designs. Readers are guided through construction of platform or foundation, frame, ladders, windows, and doors. They also learn the more complex aspects of construction, such as roofing, staircases, and connecting electricity for lighting and heating. The finished result can range from an idyllic playroom for children to a handsomely furnished space for adult leisure hours or even business conferences. More than 350 handsome color photos show every aspect of treehouse construction.

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## Customer Reviews

British carpenter and author Harris acknowledges that building a Swiss Family Robinson-like treetop abode for children is "beyond the carpentry ability of some readers, yet fairly easy for others." His book is awe-inspiring to browse through, as it features breathtaking photos of amazing tree houses, many featuring rope bridges, spiral staircases, arched windows and doors, and verandas. Harris recognizes that every tree "and potential tree dweller" is unique, so rather than

offering sets of fixed plans, he takes a modular approach to building a "treetop retreat," featuring chapters on foundations, roofing, windows and doors, railings, ladders and stairs, and rope bridges. Each of these sections begins with tips for safety, followed by lists of "key objectives" and "equipment and materials," then goes on to describe, in methodical detail, the measuring, cutting, lifting and fastening required to build a structure among the branches of a tree. Harris strives to give "an outline of the sequence of events that should be followed in all treehouse projects," allowing readers to adapt to the shape and size of their tree, their budget and their own carpentry skills. Many color photos offer detailed views of tree houses ranging from simple to deluxe, and while most houses are meant for children, a few are for arboreal dining rooms and home offices, complete with glass windows, electricity and even plumbing. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

back cover *A Treehouse of Your Own* is a comprehensive guide to building the perfect backyard hideaway "from planning stages to the finished structure. The world's leading treehouse constructor, John Harris, takes prospective builders through each stage of the build, using detailed step-by-step photography. The book includes a wide variety of amazing structures, showing the different ladders, roofs, rope bridges, balustrades, windows, and accessories you can add to your new treetop home. John Harris is a prize-winning treehouse builder, a medal winner at London's famous Chelsea Flower Show, the author of a previously published book on treehouse construction, and the founder of The TreeHouse Company, a firm that both designs and builds treehouses.

This book outlines the stages, techniques, and materials to build one particular, very complex treehouse. While it does attempt to use the specific example to provide general guidelines and recommendations for treehouse building, there are other books out there which do a better job at this. That said, the author of "A Treehouse of Your Own" is obviously an incredibly talented guy, and it is cool just looking at the photographs of the featured treehouse as well as some of his other projects. The intricacy of design is truly incredible, and there are some cool features which might actually be practical to a backyard treehouse. Basically, I think there are very few people out there who will be building the treehouse described in this book or anything even close to it, as it would require the right tree, lots of expensive tools and materials, a huge amount of time, and a reasonably high level of expertise. But, if you want to challenge your conception of what is possible, this book will certainly do it.

We now have a tree house in the woods of our property. This Tree House book helped me a great deal in the planning and implementing of this project. With ideas from this book, the tree never saw one nail hammered into it. We have room to expand with a rope bridge and tower on another tree...probably will attack that this summer. In summery, this book was worth every cent spent. I have loaned it to a friend already. is a great partner in helping find what I need for any project or as a resource for the classes I teach.

Very good concise coverage of process to construct a unique dwelling off the ground. Enjoyed reading the narratives and will use as a good reference through the various steps. Good detail summary.

This book had fairly detailed instructions for building one specific type of treehouse in one type of tree. Very little information on general building techniques, how to handle trees that shift in the wind, etc. If you happen to want the type of treehouse the author describes, and have the same tree situation, it would be useful.

For hubby to build his tree house . He loves it!

Can't wait to utilize this book. My little niece loves it. Look forward to building our own tree house. Thanks

The book is written very well. The information will be very helpful when I actually get started building it.JB

The book is fine; it is a "rip" off to pay more than double listed price which is just plain wrong for a paperback hobby book. If this book is as the seller states: a 'collectible', 'rare', 'out of print' and 'popular' topic which is why the seller is charging more than double' then the SELLER needs to ADVISE the customer of this fact PRIOR to purchase. I was very surprised that to pay MORE than double the price appearing on the book. Very disappointed in this purchase but am not returning it...don't want to pay more money to return the book!

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